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KNIGHT SCROLL

Freshman Ashlee Beacom dribbles past an Aberdeen Central defender on August 31. See page five for more on the Lady Knights.

Booster club makes donation of trophy case in lunchroom

Justin Kautz
Activities Co-Editor

Over the summer, the O'Gorman athletic booster club stepped up to finance the addition of a new trophy case for the school.

With the old trophy case lost in renovation, the school needed a new way to display and protect the many trophies it has accumulated.

"Because it is an athletic trophy case, it is located where the concessions are served during athletic event," said Activities Director Steve Kueter.

Currently only covering about half of its wall, the trophy case is set to expand to the full length sometime this year.

The completion of the new trophy case, alongside the improvement of the weight room, marks a continuation of the ath-

letic portion of the remodel that O'Gorman started in 2008.

The fine arts booster clubs raise money and delegate funds for music and drama functions.

"The booster club in general is an essential group to O'Gorman and any renovations it undergoes," said Kueter.

The booster club will continue to raise money for the improvement of O'Gorman and its facilities in the future.

Search begins as superintendent set for retirement

Sam Breske
Activities Co-Editor

After a long career, Dr. Tom Lorang will be retiring this spring from his position as superintendent of the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

"I am confident that the new president will be capable and help the school system continue to evolve," said Lorang.

As superintendent, Lorang is responsible not only for the high school but also for the six elementary schools. As a result of that, it is likely that students will not notice a change in their day-to-day lives. "You can look around the halls and tell that Dr. Lorang has done a great job, but you don't see it in the details," said senior Jaden Holzer.

The administration at O'Gorman feels similarly. "Dr. Lorang will make sure that students don't feel any impact from the transition," said assistant principal Joan Mahoney.

Lorang has been superintendent since 1991, the year the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools System was formed. He is the first and only superintendent the system has ever had. Therefore, nobody is exactly sure what to expect.

"It's difficult to imagine O'Gorman, or the school system as a whole. To say we are apprehensive would be an understatement," said Mahoney.

During his time with the school system, Lorang has over-



Dr. Tom Lorang

seen the development of the new high school, the renovation of the athletic and fine arts facilities, and the upgrading of many of the elementary schools. "We have the facilities, now we need to improve the salaries and tuition," said Lorang.

Lorang's replacement has big shoes to fill in the eyes of the teachers at O'Gorman.

"Dr. Lorang played a big role in allowing the physics department to have a successful transition to the new AP curriculum," said physics teacher Jane Schnell.

Lorang also has high hopes for the new president. "This job is not about the person, it's about the mission," Lorang said. "This time next year I would like to see the new president in place, getting comfortable, and really appreciating how great the people and the community are. I hope he can bring a renewed energy to the school system."

According to the current schedule, the new president will be selected in February and begin working in July.

Athletic facilities undergo major upgrade New weight room made possible from Jones family donation

Ben Rogers
Sports Co-Editor

O'Gorman has greatly improved its athletic facilities with a brand new weight room being installed due to the generous donation of Scott Jones, a 1983 graduate.

The weight room boasts all the new amenities along with the latest and greatest in weight lifting equipment.

"I am really excited because we will no longer have weights that mismatch, which makes for an easier lifting environment," said senior Eion Donelan.

No expense was spared in this project. "Everything is brand new in the weight room. As a whole the room should flow better and be much more efficient for the athletes," said Mr. Ed Whiting.

With the new weight room O'Gorman athletes will be able to train knowing they are using the best of best.

"All of our athletes will be able to have greater access to the new weight room. With a new facility comes more excitement from students wanting to check it out," said Whiting.

The weight room is available thanks

in large part to a \$150,000 donation from Scott Jones. "There is no denying the fact that without the generous support of Mr. Jones this weight room would not be here. We owe a lot to him," said Whiting.

The need for a new room was due to the fact that the old weight room was getting outdated and too crowded.

"I was having 40 to 65 kids come out for weightlifting and with the old facility we just couldn't support all of them," said Whiting. "We had to turn kids away, and with old equipment we weren't giving our athletes the best possible training."

"I hope people get more excited about weightlifting now with this brand new facility," said Donelan.

The grand opening of the weight room was scheduled to be on Sept. 17, but there was a delay on the actual weights getting in so it pushed the date back a week.

Scott Jones played in the first state championship game in the modern playoff era in 1983. He then went on to play quarterback at the University of South Dakota. "As a former athlete, Jones recognizes the fact for a quality weight room," said Whiting.

Letter from the Editor

Kayler Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome back, Knights! Here we are again, back to classes and wandering the halls at O'Gorman. It really is the best time of year.

We have football games, we have just brought another awesome year of homecoming to a close, and we have so much to look forward to as this year progresses.

As we get into the stride of another year, I want to challenge you.

In the midst of the football season, theatrical productions, Halloween activities, and other activities, we often lose sight of what really matters in high school: bettering ourselves throughout the year.

O'Gorman is a school of opportunity. We're blessed with the fact that we have every resource we need to be successful.

Not only do we have these resources, but they're provided to us by a staff that wants nothing but the best for us not only as students but also as people.

As O'Gorman students, we have the responsibility to take advantage of our opportunities and to make the most out of our high school experience.

This year, try something new. Get involved in debate, art club, campus ministry, or try a new sport.

Taking a step out of your comfort zone isn't an act that you'll regret. You might meet a new friend, you might get a laugh from a miserably failed attempt,

or perhaps, you'll find your niche. The consequences of becoming acquainted with the unfamiliar are exciting and beneficial. There's nothing to lose.

As we approach this new year, I'd encourage you not to let the traditions take control. Traditions can be fun, but they can also grow old.

Everyday should be a step off of the beaten path and in the direction of creating an experience that is both memorable and extraordinary.

I challenge you to be different this year, but to be better. To be better cannot be defined as obtaining a certain position on a team or getting the highest test grade in your class.

Becoming better can easily be defined by author John Steinbeck: "It seems to me that if you or I must so choose between two courses of thought or action, we should remember our dying and try so to live that our death brings no pleasure to the world."

John Steinbeck has spoken volumes with just one compilation of words. This year, better yourself as a person, go out of your way to make somebody else's day.

O'Gorman is full of opportunities that will lend way to the bettering of a person. To seize the opportunities that are presented to you will help bend your way to bettering yourself.

This year make the changes necessary to be a better person and to enhance the life of everybody around you. Live selflessly, but live fully.

School welcomes new staff

Rhonda Booth - Academic Services

Cheyenne Chontos
Faith Editor



This year O'Gorman welcomes new staff members, including an addition to Academic Services, Rhonda Booth.

Students may recognize Booth from her 11 years of substitute teaching prior to joining the Academic Services team.

Booth is originally from Watertown, S.D. and attended St. Cloud State University where she received her degree in Physical Education and Recreation.

Booth continues her love of sports and health by teaching various exercise classes at the Avera McKennan Fitness Center.

It may not be a physical education class she's teaching, but Booth says she is enjoying her work in Academic Services. "I was ready for a new challenge," says Booth. She also says that she "likes to see kids succeed" so the job is a good fit for her.

Her love of working with children is one reason Booth took the position at Academic Services. Another reason is that she and her family are happy to have a set schedule. Booth says she's excited to focus more on her family.

Booth has gotten support from her family to take this job. "Even though my youngest will be graduating, I plan on staying," Booth says. "I love O'Gorman."

Deb Stene - Food Services

Cheyenne Chontos
Faith Editor



One person who will be familiar in the O'Gorman cafeteria is Deb Stene. She changed positions this year as the service site manager and continues to serve the O'Gorman students and staff.

"I like working with the kids," Stene says. Her children all went to school at O'Gorman, and she says that the school is a good fit for her.

Stene also says that the staff is a big part of why she enjoys her job. She says that they are nice people to work with and that she always has a fun time with the people she gets to work with.

One of the features of Stene's job is to focus on the new lunch program. She says that they are focusing on streamlining the lines and making lunch more enjoyable for everyone. "We like seeing kids enjoying their lunch period," says Stene.

Part of the lunch program includes new options for ala carte. Ala carte will also now be open after school to students who wish to grab a snack before activities. "This gives kids more options if they're hungry after school," says Stene.

Stene was born in Marshall, Minn. but has lived in Sioux Falls for about 25 years now. In her free time she enjoys going to her children's sports, watching the marching band, and being a part of the Booster club. She plans to continue working at O'Gorman for years to come.

Mary Johnson - Library

Kate Brycheeva
Entertainment Co-Ed.



This school year O'Gorman welcomes several new staff members. One of these welcomed additions is Mary Johnson, the new librarian.

The idea of working with students came only after Johnson had her own children. She spent 12 years teaching English at high school and middle school levels. Recently she spent two years working at the South Dakota State Library in Pierre. "But I missed working with kids," said Johnson.

While the school year has just started, Johnson has already fit in the O'Gorman community. "I love it. Everybody has been friendly and helpful," says Johnson.

She plans to broaden the role of technology in the educational process. "My goal is to get more students reading for fun. So I like to do contests, games and book clubs. But I also want to help them find information through research," says Johnson.

The first contest has already finished. It'll be followed by other interesting activities to come. The library's collection keeps growing all the time. Students and staff who have suggestions concerning book orders are welcome to come and share with Johnson.

Christie Thomas - Food Services

Cheyenne Chontos
Faith Editor



A new face in the O'Gorman cafeteria is Christie Thomas. Thomas is the new Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Director of Food Service and gets to bring in and try different foods for the school lunches.

A Sioux Falls native, Thomas has more than 10 years of experience with school lunch programs and has her associates degree in culinary arts. She joined a culinary school right out of high school. "Food's always been in my blood," says Thomas.

Thomas says she enjoys working with the staff and students. She says she is trying to make lunch a better experience for the students. "Seeing you guys being excited about lunch is fun," says Thomas. "We want to make this a great program for everyone."

In her free time Thomas also enjoys working with food. "I'm a foodie," Thomas says. "[I enjoy] anything from watching the food channel to trying new recipes." Students might find this to their advantage as she will bring her own recipes and ideas to the lunch room.

Thomas says she is excited to join the O'Gorman staff and plans on staying at O'Gorman for a long time. She also encourages students to see her with any suggestions they have concerning the lunch program.

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Catholics unite for World Youth Day

Cheyenne Chontos
Faith Editor

This summer around three million young Catholics from over 190 countries joined Pope Francis in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to celebrate their faith. The theme this year was “Go and make a disciple of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

Pope Francis’ homily this year focused on three simple attitudes: hopefulness, the willingness to be surprised by God and living in the joy of the Lord. He used the readings of the Mass to focus on these attitudes.

World Youth Day was started in 1986 by Pope John Paul II. He created it as way to become closer to the youth of the Church and to help them more fully understand and celebrate their faith. The first World Youth Day was held in Rome, Italy.

While none of the members of the O’Gorman community were able to attend this year’s World Youth Day there was still plenty of excitement from staff and students.

“I think it’s a great idea,” said theology teacher, Sara Hofflander. “It helps young people to see how universal the Church is and how on fire the Church is.”

Senior Victoria Madigan said that she sees World Youth Day

as a way to help the youth bring out their faith. “They’re so full of the Holy Spirit,” Madigan says.

“The Church is growing and more and more young people are coming to the fullness of truth found in the Catholic faith,” says junior Mary Motz. “World Youth Day is great because it brings youth into awareness of the beauty of the Catholic Church.”

Both Madigan and Hofflander agree that more opportunities for scholarships should be offered for World Youth Day. There are more local ways to get involved with the Catholic Church, Madigan said, such as D-Camp and youth group.

Motz also said that because a large portion of World Youth Day attendees are college students they should go to the Newman Centers at their colleges for more ideas on how to get involved. She also said the Steubenville Conferences is another great way for the youth of the Church to come together and celebrate their faith.

This year World Youth Day surpassed three million mentions on various social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook.

Many of the mentions were positive feedback on Pope Francis and his work this summer at



PRESS PHOTO

Catholic youth gather in Rio de Janeiro to join together in prayer and celebration. Three million people were in attendance.

World Youth Day. Hofflander said that it is his natural gift to be able to connect with the youth of the Church.

“It’s so great that [Pope Francis] is so comfortable being with the public,” said Madigan.

As for attending World Youth Day in the future, Madigan and Motz are both enthusiastic. “It’s on my wish list,” said Madigan.

“I hope to go really soon.”

“My sisters went to their first World Youth day when they were about my age and they had the most amazing time,” said Motz. “I hope to follow in their footsteps and have an as amazing experience as they did.”

Hofflander, however, says she would like to go someday but doesn’t plan to. “He [God]

would have to show me I should go.”

For those interested in attending, the next World Youth Day is planned to be held in Krakow, Poland in 2016. Registration for the event will be available at a later date. More information can be found at the official website www.krakow2016.com.

Benedictine graduate joins theology teachers

Kayler Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

The theology department not only finds itself with a few new faces this year, but also a new Head.

Joseph Head is stepping out of his education as a student and is making a smooth transition into the life of a teacher.

Head graduated from Benedictine College in May of 2013. He received his B.A. degree with a major in theology and a minor in secondary education. Head specialized in the area of biblical studies, church history and morality.

Head teaches Scripture and Mortality and Justice classes. He’s starting off his first year at O’Gorman without a hitch, “It’s been pretty easy to jump into things,” said Head. “It’s really a great high school.”

Even though Head is now



Joseph Head

in a teaching position, he often times feels otherwise: “I have to remind myself that I am a teacher because I like to joke around and have fun.”

In addition to taking a liking to teaching, Head’s activities outside of class are very diverse.

Head’s free time activities range from getting involved at local parishes and assisting with

diocese youth events, to playing a variety of instruments such as the drums, guitar and piano. “I absolutely love music,” said Head. “I’ve been playing drums for eight years now.”

Although Head has a fun side and considers himself a “mean hackey-sacker”, his faith keeps him grounded. “My faith is what keeps me going through everything. It keeps me sane,” said Head. “My faith is everything.”

High school holds a special spot in Head’s heart: “The theology classes I took in high school helped facilitate my conversion,” said Head. “I experience Christ in a real way. The best way for me to share that is with high schoolers.”

Head let his faith take hold of how he ended up at O’Gorman.

“The Lord led me to South Dakota for a reason,” said Head. “I’m still waiting to bear the full fruit of that.”

Fr. Shaun Haggerty begins as chaplain for new school year

Justin Kautz
Activities Co-Editor

O’Gorman High School has a new chaplain this year in Father Shaun Haggerty.

With the reassignment and relocation of Father David Desmond, the school will look to its new chaplain for spiritual guidance.

Father Shaun Haggerty grew up in Sisseton, SD alongside two brothers and one sister. He graduated high school in 2000 after a busy four years of football, golf, track and cross country.

After high school, Haggerty attended Northern State University in Aberdeen. During his time at Northern State, Haggerty discovered an interest in the religious life. He discerned this call at the St. John Vianney Seminary at St. Thomas for three years, and the St. John Vi-



Father Shaun Haggerty

anney Seminary in Denver for four more.

Father Haggerty’s first assignment was as deacon at St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls in 2008. Then, in 2009, Haggerty was ordained a priest. From there, he served at Holy Spirit in Sioux Falls until 2011.

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School set to host exchange students

Kayler Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

This month, the halls of O’Gorman will be a bit more culturally diverse.

From O’Gorman’s sister school in Dillenburg, Germany, there will be 16 new exchange students. These students will be hosted by O’Gorman students involved in the German program.

This is the second year that O’Gorman has participated in this exchange. In June 2012 six O’Gorman students spent three weeks in Germany as part of this exchange.

The following October, 24 of the German counterparts spent two weeks as exchange students at O’Gorman. O’Gorman students and families host the German students.

There are many events on the agenda for the students while they’re in South Dakota. The

group, fronted by O’Gorman German teacher Kristin Kuchenbecker, is scheduled to head out west.

They plan for a trip to the Black Hills. While in the Black Hills, the students will have the opportunity to visit Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse.

Other activities planned for the exchange are a tour through Lutheran Social Services to learn about refugee and immigration policies.

The German students will also make a visit to a Catholic, Native American school in Chamberlain, S.D.

Although there are many activities and events coordinated for the students during their time in Sioux Falls, the host families also have the opportunity to show the German students around Sioux Falls.

“The families have always done a really nice job show-

ing the students around,” said Kuchenbecker. “Most of the time they show them even more than I know about Sioux Falls.”

Although there’s many opportunities while the German students are here, Kuchenbecker hopes for much more for them than just a vacation.

“I hope that everyone is open minded and learns something from one another,” said Kuchenbecker. “I want them not to think of each other as weird, but different.”

“I learned more than just language and culture when my exchange student was with me last year,” said senior Clara Bentz. “I learned how to be a friend and that despite miles, oceans and language barriers, people really are not all that different.”

Kuchenbecker said expectations are high for the success of the exchange this year.

“Last year, the exchange was



FILE PHOTO

O’Gorman students share in a meal while in Dillenburg, Germany. Dillenburg students will be visiting O’Gorman again this fall as part of the exchange program between the two schools.

a wonderful opportunity to learn and make lasting friendships,” said Bentz. “It really opens your eyes to how big the world ac-

taully is.

The German students will be at O’Gorman from Oct. 12 through Nov. 2.

Cheer team looks to repeat

Samantha Lenz
Opinion Editor

After receiving first place in the state competition last season, the O’Gorman Lady Knights competitive cheer team looks to this new season to be a repeat of the last.

“Coming off a state championship win always feels great,” said junior base Kaitlyn DeMarais. “But it makes you have to work that much harder to win again next year.”

During their state competition last year the team was able to rise above their east side competitor Washington.

“I was very happy when we won,” said sophomore flyer Morgan Roth. “Our biggest rival is either Washington or Roosevelt because our friends are on their cheer teams as well.”

During the summer months the competitive team worked on mastering the T’s: technique, timing and transitions.

“We have more difficult stunting this year, but we have to make sure that we can keep it clean to get the max points,” said junior base Kenzie Fischer.

This year the Lady Knights are led by their head coach Molly Walsh and senior Maddie Molseed.

“Only having one senior isn’t really a problem for us because that means only one cheerleader will be missing from next year’s team,” said DeMarais.

At their first competition in Watertown the girls scored a 169.0 out of 300 after three stunting deductions were placed on their score. These 30 points in deductions dropped them to fifth place.

“The judges thought our stunt was illegal but it actually wasn’t. Then they made the assumption that all three stunt groups did the illegal skill,” said junior flyer Kayley Welch. “Without these deductions we would have been in first and beat Washington.”

This shook the Lady Knights when expectations were set so high and the team placed so low.

“The year started out shaky just like it would for a lot of teams,” said DeMarais. “But once we fixed what needed to be fixed we are becoming more and more confident with our routine.”

At the Yankton Invite the Lady Knights came out on top scoring 231.0 out of 300.

“Our coach is always pushing us to do our best,” said DeMarais. “She knows how to keep us motivated and on track so we wouldn’t be where we are today without her.”

“I think we need to work on not being so chatty at practice,” said Fischer. “But that’s my favorite part.”

The Lady Knights realize they need to put the work in to receive the results they want.

“There is no doubt we have advanced skills,” said Walsh. “We just need to hit them consistently, five out of five times.”

Famous author to speak at Augie

Ben Rogers
Kate Brycheeva

This fall Augustana College welcomes back Maya Angelou, who is not only one of the great voices of contemporary literature, but also a notable woman with a remarkable life. She will speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Elmen Center.

She spent her life traveling, and later became a celebrated poet, novelist, educator, actress, filmmaker and civil rights activist.

“It’s pretty cool how famous poets like Ms. Angelou who have so much to bring is coming to Sioux Falls. It really puts us on the map,” said senior Max Boyum.

Angelou was awarded the Presidential Medal of Arts in 2000, the Lincoln Medal in 2008, and has received three Grammy Awards, and she still continues to contribute to humanity.

Tickets are \$20 for bleacher seats and \$40 for floor seats.

Student council continues expansion

Cheyenne Chontos
Faith Editor

The saying “bigger is better” is being tested with the O’Gorman student council. This year’s student council is as big as ever with 45 student council members on three committees – events, principal’s advisory, and outreach.

So far there has been positive feedback on the size of the student council. Senior Nicole Clemen says that compared to

prior years it is a much better system. “They used to be so over-worked,” said Clemen. She also says that students are able to be more actively involved.

“I think it’s really good,” says junior Katie Kunkel. “It’s a lot more inclusive than it used to be.”

Kunkel also encourages students who want to get involved to come to the events set up by the student council.

“If it would be just one [group] it would be hard to man-

age,” says Doug Basche, head of the events committee. “But with three it works out great.”

Basche says that with the different groups they are able to focus on more specific tasks. The events committee will be able to focus on school activities, the principal’s advisory will be able to focus on student needs and the outreach committee will be able to focus on the needs of the community.

Students and teachers helped

make the decision to expand the student council to three committees last year. “It was a collective effort,” says assistant principal and head of the principal’s advisory Joan Mahoney. “We all decided it was a really good change.”

Some events the student council is planning that readers can look forward to are the Penny War, Brownie Fridays, and the Leprechaun Slam-a-thon.



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Eion Donelean carries the ball against Rapid City Stevens in the first game of the year held at McEneaney Field. The Knights won 34-9.

Knights look to rebuild after 2012 semi-final loss

Ben Rogers
Sports Co-Editor

The Knights football team looks to build off last year's finish as they hope to go one step further in the playoffs and make it to the Dakota Dome for the state championship.

The first step to that ultimate goal came against a Rapid City Stevens team who took advantage of the Knights mishaps and sloppy football that resulted in a close game up until the second half when the Knights finally pulled away for a 34-9 victory.

The win was bittersweet however as the Knights lost senior standout Tanner Schulte with a broken ankle. Schulte will most likely miss the rest of

the season. "I was just hoping Tanner was going to be okay, but when I heard he broke his ankle I accepted it and just tried to prepare myself for being the quarterback," said sophomore quarterback Luke Fritsch.

As far as the miscues and fumbles, sophomore lineman Dodi Makwinja isn't concerned, "It was the first game of the year so there is going to be mistakes but we're not worried," said Makwinja.

Up next on the schedule was the Lincoln Patriots in the Presidents Bowl. Right out of the gate it was evident O'Gorman could not match up well against the Patriots' size. That, combined with a struggling offense, led to a poor performance.

A huge day on the ground from Patriots senior running back Caden Quintanilla meant the Knights had no chance of winning and faltered to a 50-21 defeat.

"We have to change a lot of things up front, we have to sustain drives we can't keep going three and out on every drive," said Fritsch.

The 35th annual Bob Burns Dakota Bowl was held on Sept. 14 against the Washington Warriors. The Knights came out in their traditional green jerseys to honor the Cathedral High School vs. Washington High School days. The Knights fed off the energy of the home crowd and

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Lady Knights return key starters in hopes of claiming state title

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

Coming off a sixth place finish a last year's state tournament, the Lady Knights look to capture a state title this year.

So far the team is looking good with wins over Harrisburg (3-0), Lincoln (3-0), Huron (3-1), Rapid City Central (3-1), and Rapid City Stevens (3-0).

The Lady Knights opened up the season to the Harrisburg tigers with an exciting victory.

"They are great competition for us without being a Sioux Falls school. It is a nice way to ease into our season," said coach Julie Kolbeck.

Although the Knights had an upsetting finish in last year's

state tournament they are pushing forward.

"Coming in sixth motivates us to work harder to get the state title this year," said junior Dalee Stene.

The team's number one strength this year is having team unity as a whole.

"We tend to play better when we can laugh and have fun while still playing focused," said senior Lauren Witte.

This year the Lady Knights have tough competition but their number one rivals would have to be last year's state champion, Roosevelt.

Although the Lady Knights are an experienced team they seem to have a weakness in serv-

ing.

"Serving is a very important aspect to our game," said Taryn Kloth. "We begin every practice with it using our radar gun to record the top speeds,"

Losing last year's seniors doesn't seem to affect this year's Lady Knights as they remain undefeated.

"I think we are quicker and more experienced than last year, but we still must come out strong every single time," said Witte.

Together the team has set their goals high,

"We are making it our goal this season to win the state tournament title," said Kate Cartwright.

Sports Update

Boys Soccer

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

O'Gorman boys soccer look to fulfill a championship this year after a disappointing finish in last year's state championship against Sioux Falls Christian.

The Knights opened up their season to Roosevelt with a 3-0 loss.

"We knew they were going to be one of the better teams and by playing them first we were able to see where we were as a team stating the new season," said senior Connor Bergh.

Although the Knights lost to Roosevelt they gained victories over Bandon Valley (3-1), Harrisburg (1-0), Aberdeen Central (1-0), Groton Area (4-0), Washington (2-0), and Mitchel (2-0). They also suffered losses to Lincoln (6-0) and Aberdeen (2-1).

After last year's loss in the state championship game the Knights need to prove they have what it takes to place well this year.

"If all the pieces come together at the right time we should be near the front come state tournament time," said senior John Jardim.

Girls Soccer

Samantha Lenz
Opinion Editor

Lady Knights soccer is looking to make another run this year to land a spot in the title game after an upsetting overtime loss against defending state champions Aberdeen Central. The Lady Knights are among the top sanctioned teams for this year's high school season.

Despite the loss of eight seniors the Lady Knights are still expected to come out near the top. The team will now be led by seniors Claire Howes (a three-year starter) and Maureen Hurley. Also coming back are junior forward Kylie Lamberty, defensive end Lauren Weber and keeper Kristina Wagner who will contribute toward another deep state tournament run.

"I expect the seniors to lead by example," said head coach Ryan Beier. "They are all good leaders who have been in our program for all four years, and now set an example for the young players to follow."

Defense has always been a key aspect for the Lady Knights and this year will be no different.

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Cross Country

Tommy Entwistle
Sports Co-Editor

Despite a strong showing at the Nike Invite, the Knights cross country teams are still looking to improve on last year's finishes at state. The boys finished ninth and the girls ended the year with a 12th place finish at state in 2012.

"We are all trying to improve to get better as a team and individually. It is a hard sport but when we work hard together great things happen," said senior Lydia Anderson, who will be a key contributor as she leads a senior heavy girls team.

The boys will be looking for runners to step up after losing key runner Chance Freese who took 12th place overall in his senior year at state. The Knights will be a young team led by junior runner Ethan Knobloch.

"Our goal is to work hard and get better each week, giving ourselves the best chance to win in late October," said sophomore Tiegen Lindner.

The Knights cross country teams will be competing at state on Oct. 26 in Rapid City.

Girls Tennis

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Although the weather is starting to cool down, the girls tennis season is just starting to heat up. The Knights are looking to win their seventh straight state team title.

"Our ultimate goal is to win another state team title, and we know we have put in the work over the off-season to accomplish it," said senior Jenna Czarnecki. After going 3-1 to the start the season in Minnesota, they have been unbeaten in the state and recently won eight of nine flights at the Rapid City Invite.

The Lady Knights are led by the defending flight one doubles champions, junior Morgan Brower and senior Jenna Czarnecki. They return five of their top six from last year's title team.

"We are just trying to not look too far ahead and respect every opponent, but still know we are the best," said coach Don Barnes.

The Lady Knights will be competing at state starting Oct. 10 in Sioux Falls.

Interpers win big at nationals

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A strong showing at this year's national tournament was nothing new for the O'Gorman oral interpers.

This year's national competition was held in Birmingham, Ala. Once in Birmingham, O'Gorman interpers prepared to compete against nearly 1,000 other high schools from around the United States and 3,000 other competitors. There was an average of 250 participants in each speech category.

Shelby Bloomer, 2013 graduate, advanced all the way to finals in oratory. After 12 rounds of competition, Bloomer made it to the final round.

The final round was comprised of the top 6 out of 250 students in the category. Bloomer finished the day off with a national title.

"Shelby placed third in the nation with her Original Oratory titled 'For Crying Out Loud,'" said interp coach Teresa Fester.

Recent graduates Sarah Dougherty, Aimee Bannthwarth, Bailey Larson and Molly Billion also found success at the national tournament. Dougherty was a semifinalist in expository speaking, Bannthwarth made top 60 in original oratory, Larson made top 60 in dramatic interp and Billion was an octo-finalist in expository speaking.

Junior Christian Heisler also found himself bringing home a trophy at the end of the five day competition. Heisler competed in the finals of storytelling at the national tournament. Storytelling is a consolation event in which



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Oral interp members hold their trophies after the National Forensic League tournament in Birmingham, Ala.

anybody who did not make finals can compete. Heisler took home a fifth place trophy.

The success of the O'Gorman oral interp team in the National Forensic League tournament and the National Catholic Forensic League tournament began back in 2005 and has only increased throughout the years.

The O'Gorman interp team has seen people in the finals of the NFL or NCFL in six out of the past eight years.

"Our philosophy has been to train the students to strive to know more, never settle, and be able to peer coach and brainstorm new and inventive ways to interpret a piece of literature,"

said Fester.

O'Gorman interpers have had many appearances at nationals, but they have also experienced a large amount of success as a team.

O'Gorman has been one of five schools named as a National School of Excellence in Speech in all of the last three years.

Bloomer was one of many dis-

tinguished O'Gorman Interpers.

"After having gone to four national tournaments, I think I've seen and felt it all," said Bloomer.

"Sometimes there's heartbreak and sometimes there's celebration, but more than anything, you just want your team to show this country what they're made of. And I think we did just that."

Oral interp coach impacts national circuit

Kayler Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

The O'Gorman community has been greatly enhanced by one woman who took the oral interp team under her wing.

Teresa Fester started assisting with oral interpretation at O'Gorman in 1999. Fester came into the program having no previous experience in the field.

Although Fester blindly joined the program, she quickly learned the ropes and found herself in the head coach position.

"When I started as head coach, there were a total of 12 students on the team," said Fester.

Since Fester took over the team, the number of participants has grown to exceed an average

of 100 students.

Since Fester took the reigns of the interp team, O'Gorman has been recognized with a National School of Excellence in Speech Award five times.

Fester has made her way from a limited knowledge about oral interp to receiving an abundance of coaching recognitions: three State Oral Interp Coach of the Year awards, an Honored Member of the National Forensic League Circle of Champions Coaches, and the NFHS 2012-2013 Outstanding Speech, Debate, and Theatre Educator Award.

Although Fester has made her mark in the state and national record books, the mark she has left on her students is even more

profound.

"Fester has helped me become a better interper, but she has also brought coaching to a new level," said junior interper Christian Heisler.

"She's taught me to take away experiences from the competitions and to become a better competitor in life. Because of her I know how to be a supportive loser, humble victor and a better person in general," said Heisler.

Former student Molly Billion believes that Fester's take on coaching has opened doors to her success.

"Fester knows the world of interp so incredibly well that you can trust every opinion she has," said Billion. "She still lets you give your own ideas and input.



Teresa Fester and former O'G interp Shelby Bloomer.

She doesn't just coach you, she works with you. Almost everything Fester does is for the benefit of somebody else."

"Fester is genuine and puts so much hard work into her job," said Heisler. "Fester is just the best."